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1. SEVERAL OF OUR NATO COLLEAGUES HERE INDICATE HUSAK'S VISIT TO
BAGHDAD WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MAY 30TH TO JUNE 3. VISIT TO SYRIA,
WHICH WE THOUGHT MIGHT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE THE VISIT TO IRAQ, NOW
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IS UNCERTAIN, AS IS VISIT TO ALGERIA.

2. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, MFA OFFICERS HAVE INDICATED
THAT POLISH FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK WILL VISIT
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PROBABLY THIS FALL, AND THAT HUSAK RETURN VISIT
TO POLAND WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT OFF UNTIL 1978.

3. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR DUMAS TELLS ME DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DUSAN SPACIL ACCEPTED AN INVITATION, TENDERED DURING MAY 13-14 VISIT BY CANADIAN DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS KLAUS GOLDSCHLAG, TO VISIT OTTAWA IN 1978. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CZECHS PRESSED FOR A VISIT AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, BUT WERE DISCOURAGED BY CANADIANS. NOTE: WE ALSO GATHER THAT CZECHS PRESSED HARD FOR CANADIAN APPROVAL TO OPEN A TRADE OFFICE IN TORONTO, BUT THAT CANADIANS, ALREADY UNEASY ABOUT LARGE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN OTTAWA AND CONSULATE GENERAL IN MONTREAL, ARE STALLING ON THIS ISSUE.

4. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ESFANDIARY HAS CONFIRMED THAT SHAH WILL MAKE QUICK VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND IN AUGUST (REF B). COMMENT: WANDERLUST OF CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS APPARENTLY KNOWS NO BOUNDS, BUT THEIR CAPACITY FOR RECEIVING VISITORS HAS BEEN STRAINED OF LATE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CZECHS HAVE AGREED WITH OTHER EAST EUROPEANS TO SHORTEN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. VISIT OF GDR PREMIER WILLI STOPH APRIL 27-28 (PRAGUE 1120) WAS SUPPOSEDLY FIRST TEST OF THIS NEW PRINCIPLE. MAY 11-12 VISIT BY POLISH PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SECOND. END COMMENT.

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